DIGEST

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DIGEST

LaFleur (SB 5)

Present constitution provides relative to retirement of judges. Further provides that the retirement benefits and judicial service rights of a judge in office or retired on the effective date of the constitution shall not be diminished, nor shall the benefits to which a surviving spouse is entitled be reduced.

Proposed constitutional amendment retains present language.

Present constitution further provides that, except as otherwise provided in the present constitution, a judge shall not remain in office beyond his 70th birthday. A judge who attains the age of 70 while serving a term of office shall be allowed to complete that term of office.

Proposed constitutional amendment deletes the requirement that a judge retire upon attaining the age of 70, or if his 70th birthday occurs during his term, that he retire upon completion of his term.

Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held on November 4, 2014.

(Amends Const. Art. V., Sec. 23).

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary A to the original bill

1.   Changes submission date from Nov. 4, 2014, to next available date of a statewide election or at the statewide election to be held on Nov. 4, 2014, whichever occurs earlier.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Civil Law and Procedure to the engrossed bill.

1.   Changed submission date from the next available date of a statewide election or Nov. 4, 2014, whichever occurs first, to the statewide election to be held on Nov. 4, 2014.

2.   Made technical changes to the ballot language.